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SUBJ: CIVAIR - OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRLINES CHARTER FLIGHTS

1. OVERSEAS NATIONAL AIRLINES (ONA) APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTERS (ITC) 1250, 1251, AND 1252 NEW YORK/ROME/ NEW YORK SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8-23 JUNE 15-30, AND JUNE 22-JULY 7, RESPECTIVELY, HAVE RUN INTO SEVERE PROBLEMS AT CIVILAVIA BECAUSE FINAL PASSENGER MANIFESTS WERE SUBMITTED WELL AFTER DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS AND BECAUSE FINAL PASSENGER MANIFEST CONTAINED FAR TOO MANY CHANGES FROM PRELIMINARY MANIFEST FOLLOWING EMBOFF'S INTERVENTION, CIVILAVIA APPROVED CHARTER 1250 ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS. EMBOFF ALSO REQUESTED CIVILAVIA APPROVAL FOR FLIGHTS 1251 AND 1252 ON EXCEPTIONAL BASIS, BUT CIVILAVIA DIRECTOR AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES SITAJOLO INDICATED APPROVAL MAY NOT RPT NOT BE POSSIBLE.

2. ALL THREE CHARTERS ARRANGED THROUGH DAVID'S TRAVEL, INC. OF 1175 NE 125TH ST, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33161. LOCAL ONA AGENT HAS REPEATEDLY INFORMED ONA OF CIVILAVIA REQUIREMENTS, BUT DAVID'S APPARENTLY CONTINUES TO SUBMIT PASSENGER LISTS IN BITS AND PIECES AFTER DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS. PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE WITH DAVID'S RATHER THAN ONA, BUT CIVILAVIA WILL OF COURSE ACT AGAINST CARRIER RATHER THAN TRAVEL AGENT IF AND WHEN ACTION IS TAKEN.

3. FAILURE OF FEW US TRAVEL AGENTS AND/OR CARRIERS TO ABIDE
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BY CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS MAY ENDANGER ENTIRE US-ITALY CHARTER

PROGRAM. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS DEPARTMENT FORMALLY TO NOTIFY ONA OF NECESSITY TO OBSERVE CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS IF ONA AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS ARE TO COUNTINUE TO OPERATE BETWEEN US AND ITALY. EMBASSY WOULD ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACTING DAVID'S TO : (1) REPRIMAND THEM FOR FAILURE TO OBSERVE CIVILAVIA REGULATIONS, WHICH FAILURE MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT ENTIRE US-ITALY CHARTER PROGRAM AND (2) INFORM THEM THAT EMBASSY UNABLE ASSIST IN ANY FURTHER CASES INVOLVING THEIR FAILURE PROVIDE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION ON TIME. (CIVILAVIA APPROVED CHARTER 1250 ONLY AFTER EMBASSY PROMISED ABOVE REMINDER WOULD BE ISSUED TO ONA AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN VIS-A-VIS DAVID'S TRAVEL.)

4. COMMENT: ABOVE INCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR US-ITALY AGREEMENT ON CHARTER RULES, AS WAS DISCUSSED DURING APRIL 2-4 1975 CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON . MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) NEEDS DRAFT TEXT PROPOSED BY USG IN ORDER INITIATE INTERMINISTERIAL CONSULTATIONS. IN ORDER ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING BEFORE LATE FALL, DRAFT TEXT MUST BE PROVIDED MFA BEFORE END OF JUNE.VOLPE

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